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At the beginning of the week prices were sharply higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. During the week prices were unchanged to sharply lower in the major terminal markets. The trade sentiment was weak. Retail and food service demand was mixed and usually reported as light to moderate. Supplies of smalls were adequate and the balance of the sizes were reported as fully adequate to ample. Nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower during the week. Demand was light to instances moderate and many buyers were watching the market and usually only purchasing for immediate needs. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and the floor stocks were balanced. The trade sentiment was weak. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processing needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| NORTHEAST CITIES | | | |
| Boston (Brown) | 106-118 | 99-111 | 71-83 |
| New York | 68-70 | 65-68 | 56-59 |
| Philadelphia | 66-83 | 64-81 | 55-71 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 76-77 | 74.5-76 | 74-75 |
| Jackson (1) | 86-87 | 83-84 | 74-75 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 85-98 | 82-96 | 67-81 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 63-68 | 62-67 | 52-57 |
| Detroit (2) | 70-73 | 69-72 | 58-61 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 71-76 | 70-74 | 59-64 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 74-81 | 72-79 | 62-69 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 93-95 | 89-92 | 74-76 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 111 | 104 | 94 |
| (1) - Prices reported weekly | | | |
| (2) - Delivered Warehouse | | | |
| (3) - Reported Invoice prices | | | |

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 77.14 | 74.76 | 67.41 |
| SOUTHERN | 68.52 | 66.39 | 57.18 |
| MIDWEST | 62.74 | 61.12 | 54.60 |
| WESTERN | 91.10 | 84.80 | 67.81 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 78.05 | 74.42 | 63.55 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

| | 02-15-00 | 02-08-00 | 02-16-99 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 53-55 | 40-42 | 39-41 |
| Medium | 44-46 | 35-37 | 29-31 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Feb 14, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 7.1 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 11.2 | 12.0 |
| | Change | 1.7 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 17.5 | 22.9 | 7.9 | 17.4 | 18.6 |
| | Change | 3.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | -0.6 | -1.4 |
| Large | Curr Wk | 27.9 | 56.7 | 46.5 | 63.6 | 65.8 |
| | Change | 3.5 | 21.8 | -1.8 | 14.0 | -1.6 |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.7 | 30.1 | 12.0 | 18.1 | 20.3 |
| | Change | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 2.5 | -0.5 |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.9 | 7.9 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 5.2 |
| | Change | 1.2 | 2.2 | -0.2 | -1.5 | 1.9 |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.2 | 22.6 | 5.6 | 9.1 | 5.2 |
| | Change | -1.1 | -0.5 | -3.1 | -1.7 | -0.6 |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 32.1 | 51.6 | 9.6 | 29.5 | 45.0 |
| | Change | 7.3 | -13.6 | 2.1 | 6.0 | -2.9 |
| Total | Curr Wk | 107.4 | 201.4 | 89.1 | 153.1 | 172.1 |
| Percent | Change | 19% | 7% | 0% | 14% | -2% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 723.1 | 7% | 168 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 421.4 | -2% | 40 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1144.5 | 3% | 208 |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-FEB-00

| | (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED. |
| CW | 1,050,275 | 23,585 | 10,553 | 5,812 | 3,385 | 3,536 |
| PW | 1,085,807 | 24,328 | 11,114 | 6,203 | 3,372 | 3,708 |
| LY | 1,025,676 | 23,106 | 9,996 | 5,851 | 2,689 | 3,222 |
| % PW | -3 | -3 | -5 | -6 | 0 | -5 |
| % LY | 2 | 2 | 6 | -1 | 26 | 10 |
| 2000 | 6,729,660 | 151,487 | 67,544 | 37,512 | 19,311 | 22,573 |
| 1999 | 6,170,583 | 138,458 | 60,694 | 34,506 | 15,843 | 19,504 |
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | | | | | | |
| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST | | | |
| | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR | | | |
| | 41.40 | 41.77 | 41.12 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 12-FEB-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| N. ATLANTIC | 243.1 | 5 | 4 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 483.1 | -2 | 10 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 243.4 | 0 | 1 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 192.0 | 1 | -2 |
| S. CENTRAL | 70.9 | 2 | -9 |
| WEST | 194.6 | 0 | -11 |
| TOTAL | 1,427.1 | 0 | 1 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 93 | 93 |

| STATE | <u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>15 Selected States</u> | | <u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 15 Selected States</u> | |
|----------------|---|---------|--|---------|
| | FEB 05 | FEB 12 | FEB 05 | FEB 12 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 28,691 | 28,495 | 20,670 | 21,190 |
| AR | 29,942 | 30,057 | 23,588 | 24,678 |
| DE | 4,321 | 4,048 | 5,793 | 5,736 |
| FL | 2,609 | 2,709 | 2,262 | 2,331 |
| GA | *31,286 | 30,745 | *24,482 | 24,670 |
| MD | 7,773 | 8,523 | 4,972 | 5,349 |
| MS | 17,451 | 17,806 | 15,234 | 15,057 |
| NC | 16,830 | 16,946 | *13,666 | 13,856 |
| PA | *3,322 | 3,461 | *2,741 | 2,733 |
| SC | 4,813 | 4,761 | 4,240 | 3,642 |
| TX | 14,097 | 13,624 | 11,175 | 11,178 |
| VA | 6,293 | 6,331 | 5,334 | 4,897 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 11,310 | 10,850 | 10,156 | 10,630 |
| 15 State Total | *178,738 | 178,356 | *144,313 | 145,947 |
| Previous Year | 178,393 | 180,542 | 139,657 | 139,631 |
| Pct. of Prev. | 100 | 99 | 103 | 105 |

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.86 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/10/00-02/16/00

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 59.70 | 65.00 | 50.00 | 54.67 | 58.85 | — | 54.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | 63.33 | 44.50 | 58.00 | 57.00 | — | 14.00 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4.00 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 16.50 | 18.00 | — | — | 1.00 |
| GL W XL | — | 65.00 | — | 64.08 | 58.94 | — | 12.75 |
| GL W LG | 58.50 | 64.20 | 58.50 | 65.67 | 56.50 | — | 28.50 |
| GL W MD | — | 56.00 | 51.50 | 50.00 | 38.32 | 45.00 | 9.75 |
| GL W SM | — | — | 31.83 | 33.33 | 20.64 | 24.00 | 5.75 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 37.00 | 38.00 | 31.76 | 35.04 | 28.50 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | 42.00 | — | — | 28.28 | 29.00 | 12.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-FEB-99

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PERCENT CHG PW | LY |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 26.1 | 32.6 | -20 | -11 |
| BOSTON | 3.5 | 3.8 | -8 | -55 |
| CHICAGO | 40.1 | 56.8 | -29 | -41 |
| DETROIT | 25.1 | 37.3 | -33 | -21 |
| KANSAS CITY | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | 92.8 | 95.8 | -3 | 8 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 11.4 | 11.0 | 4 | -21 |
| NEW YORK | 41.7 | 45.2 | -8 | -8 |
| ST. LOUIS | 12.8 | 16.7 | -23 | -26 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 21.1 | 21.7 | -3 | -1 |
| TOTAL | 274.7 | 321.0 | -14 | -15 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 294.3 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 05-FEB-00

| | YOUNG (A) | YOUNG | OLD | |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| | BREEDERS | | | TOTAL |
| | THOUSANDS | | | |
| HEAD | 4,163 | 12 | 39 | 4,214 |
| AVG WT | 26.84 | 24.25 | 27.59 | 26.84 |
| LAST WEEK | 5,724 | 15 | 41 | 5,780 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 5,524 | 6 | 38 | 5,568 |
| AVG WT | 25.94 | 23.33 | 26.29 | 25.94 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 22,517 | 32 | 231 | 22,865 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 22,701 | 76 | 137 | 22,914 |

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | —YOUNG TURKEYS— | | | FRYER | OLD | TOTAL | TKY |
|------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|--------|-------|
| | THOUSAND | PW | AVG | RSTR | BAND | | AVG |
| | HEAD | % CHG | WT | —THOUSAND HEAD— | | | WT |
| N EAST | 764 | -42 | 22.17 | (A) | (A) | 774 | 22.21 |
| S ATL | 658 | -57 | 29.91 | (A) | (A) | 664 | 29.95 |
| N CENT | 1,751 | -15 | 29.54 | (A) | (A) | 1,774 | 29.49 |
| S CENT | 654 | 8 | 21.88 | NONE | NONE | 654 | 21.88 |
| WEST | 348 | 59 | 26.94 | NONE | NONE | 348 | 26.99 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,175(B)-13 | 26.83 | | 0 | 39 | 4,214 | 26.84 |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 22,713(B) | | | 85 | 231 | 22,865 | |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 17,247(B) | | | 0 | 137 | 22,914 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 12,000 for the year 32,000; last year to date 76,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 156,048(A) | 1,976 | 1,362 | 3,338 | 393 |
| AVG WT | 4.87 | 3.43 | 7.79 | 5.21 | 6.79 |
| LAST WEEK | 160,713 | 1,998 | 1,244 | 3,242 | 480 |
| YR AGO | 150,347 | 2,258 | 1,236 | 3,494 | 468 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.36 | 7.87 | 4.96 | 6.61 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 921,092 | 12,243 | 7,966 | 20,209 | 2,904 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 906,867 | 13,500 | 7,930 | 21,430 | 2,930 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 5.8 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-00

| | CURRENT WEEK 02/19/00(1) | PREVIOUS WEEK 02/12/00 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| CLASS | | |
| BRO-FRY | 155,286(2) | 160,241 |
| LT HENS | 2,090 | 1,950 |
| HVY HENS | 1,440 | 1,412 |
| TOTAL | 158,816 | 163,603 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Feb-00 is 152.5 million head compared to 149.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.2 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Feb-00 the estimated available is 152.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----|--------|
| JANUARY 8 | 157.5 | 144.3 | 109 | 5.01 |
| 15 | 158.4 | 148.5 | 107 | 5.10 |
| 22 | 149.7 | 150.6 | 99 | 5.20 |
| 29 | 146.1 | 151.7 | 96 | 4.89 |
| FEBRUARY 5 | 162.7 | 152.4 | 107 | 5.16 |
| 12 | 157.9 | 152.1 | 104 | 4.87 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 932.3 | 899.6 | 104 | |
| FEBRUARY 19 | | 152.5 | | |
| 26 | | 152.7 | | |

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--|
| | Change from | | | |
| 14-Feb-00 | 7-Feb-00 | 7-Feb-00 | 15-Feb-99 | |
| 53.40 | -1.29 | 54.69 | 58.16 | |

NUMBER OF LOADS 661

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF

| | U.S. GRADE A | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG |
| Chicago | 40.00-43.00 | 43.35 | 50 | 45.54 |
| Los Angeles | 63.00 | 61.80 | 60 | 59.54 |
| New York | 38.00-45.00 | 42.64 | 39 | 52.63 |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | LBS (000) |
|--|--------|-------|------------|--------------|
|--|--------|-------|------------|--------------|

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|----|-------|-----|
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 61-62 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 60-62 | 62 | 62.00 | 240 |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 61-62 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|---|---|
| EASTERN REGION | 58-59 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 56-59 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 58-59 | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AM 14-Feb-00 | 5,095 | 101,900 | 78,279 |
| AM 1-Feb-00 | 4,916 | 94,257 | 72,756 |
| CHG | 179 | 7643 | 5523 |
| PCT CHG | 4 | 8 | 8 |

HEN MARKETS

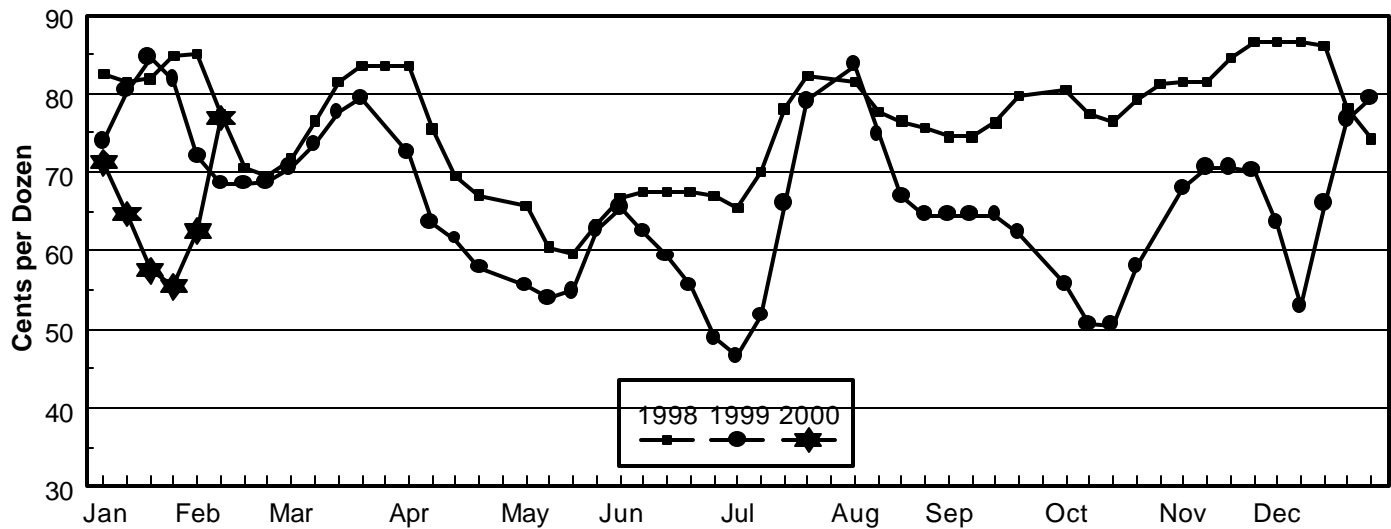
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

| HEAVY TYPE | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 02/14/00 | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
| Southeast | 7-16(1) | 8.25-11.75 | 10.55 |
| Southeast | TFEWR(2) | | |
| South Central | 9-19.5(1) | 10-12 | 12.10 |
| LIGHT TYPE | | | |
| 02/11/00 | | | |
| Eastern | 0(1) | | |
| Eastern | 0 2) | | |
| So. Central | TFEWR(2) | | |
| No. Central | TFEWR(1) | | |
| No. Central | 0-5(2) | 0 | |
| (1) At Farm Buyer Loading | | | |
| (2) At Farm Producer Loading | | | |

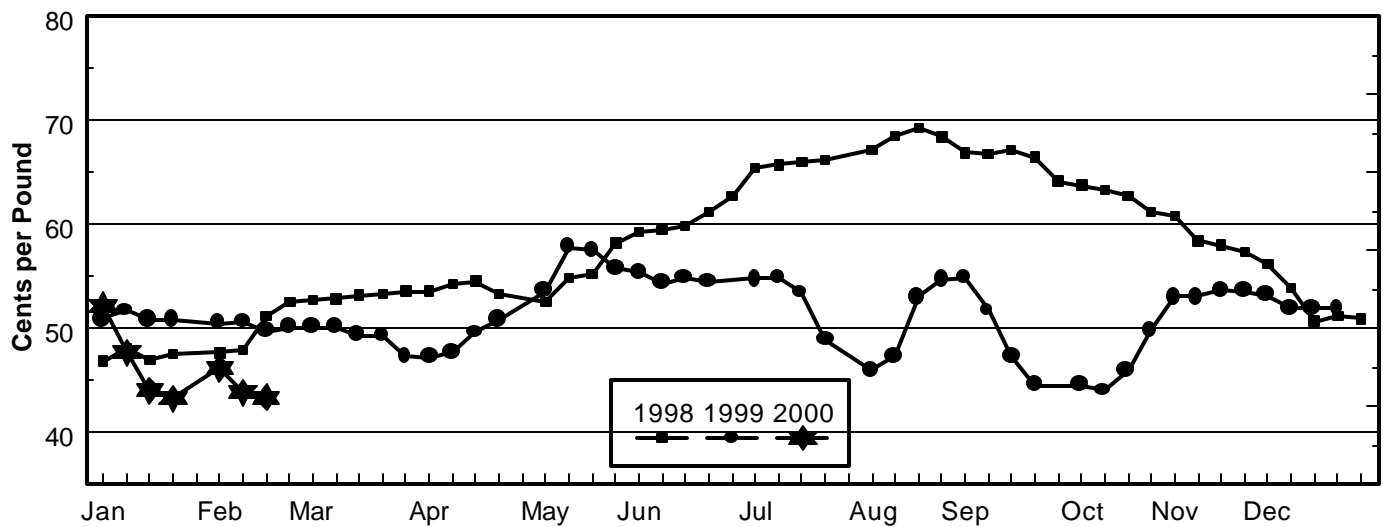
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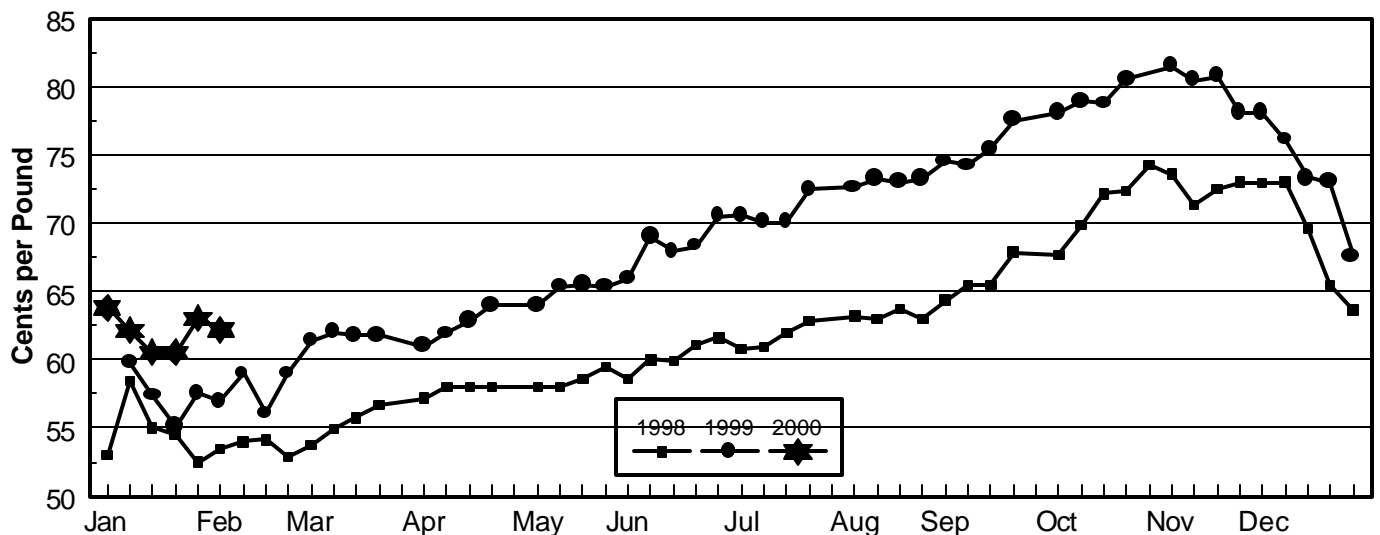
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.